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FOR PROFESSOR THOMAS A. CLINGAN, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GOJ PROPOSAL

1. CLEARANCE REQUESTED ON TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

"TO: SCHONING, MCDEVITT, LOKKEN, THORSTENSON, NAKATSU,
MCKERNAN, RASMUSON, TILLION, MEACHAM

"ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE RECENT RESPONSE OF THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT TO THE DRAFT INPFC PROTOCOL PROPOSED BY UNITED
STATES AT THE INITIAL RENEGOTIATION SESSION HELD IN
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, OCTOBER 24-28. I AM SURE YOU WILL
AGREE THAT THE PROPOSAL IS VERY FAR FROM WHAT CAN BE CON-
SIDERED ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. NEVERTHELESS,
I FEEL IT DOES DEMONSTRATE THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
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IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE IN TOKYO,
RATHER THAN ASSUME THE POSTURE WE WITNESSED IN ANCHORAGE.

"YOU WILL NOTE THAT THEY HAVE PROPOSED MOVING MOST OF THE
LOWER PORTION OF THE ABSTENTION LINE (BELOW 55 DEGREES
NORTH LATITUDE) WEST TO 180 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE, FAR
SHORT OF OUR INITIAL PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE LINE TO 170

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DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE. THAT PORTION OF THE EXISTING ABSTENTION LINE BETWEEN 48 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE AND 46 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE WOULD REMAIN AT 175 DEGREES WEST

LONGITUDE. THEY WOULD COMBINE THIS PARTIAL MOVEMENT OF THE ABSTENTION LINE WITH THE RETENTION OF THE VOLUNTARY TIME/AREA CLOSURES IN EFFECT WEST OF THE EXISTING ABSTENTION LINE. HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY HALF THE ADDITIONAL AREA PLACED EAST OF THE ABSTENTION LINE BY MOVING THE LINE TO 180 DEGREES IS ALREADY CLOSED DURING THE SALMON SEASON UNDER THESE VOLUNTARY TIME/AREA CLOSURES. THUS, ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED IN THIS PROPOSAL ARE ESSENTIALLY LIMITED TO REPLACEMENT OF A CLOSURE TO JUNE 30 WITH ABSTENTION FOR THE AREA BETWEEN 180 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE AND 175 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE, AND 52 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE AND 55 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE. YOU WILL NOTE THE PROPOSAL ALSO LIFTS THE ABSTENTION PRINCIPLE FROM A TRIANGULAR AREA BETWEEN 175 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE AND THE EXISTING ABSTENTION LINE NORTH OF 55 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE. FINALLY, THE JAPANESE HAVE OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO OUR PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON THE LANDBASED FISHERY.

"IN ADDITION TO THIS PROPOSAL, THE JAPANESE HAVE PROVIDED COMMENTS ON OUR ESTIMATES OF POTENTIAL CATCHES OF NORTH AMERICAN SALMON IN THE JAPANESE MOTHERSHIP AND LANDBASED FISHERIES. BOTH OF THESE JAPANESE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORWARDED THROUGH THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE FOR STUDY AND ANALYSIS BY THE NORTHWEST AND ALASKA FISHERIES CENTER. I FEEL IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR SCIENTISTS COME TO TOKYO WITH ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY REFUTE ANY ARGUMENTS THE JAPANESE MAY DIRECT AGAINST THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF OUR PROPOSALS. I AM CONFIDENT THEY WILL COME SO PREPARED, AND FEEL OUR EARLY RECEIPT OF THESE DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

"AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN MOVING THE JAPANESE POSITION TO A POINT CONSISTENT WITH OUR OBJECTIVES. NEVERTHELESS, THIS PROPOSAL DOES CONSTITUTE ONLY AN INITIAL RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL, AND I FEEL IT DEMONSTRATES THE WILLINGNESS OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE, SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR ASSISTANCE IN WORKING TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES." SIGNED, THOMAS A. CLINGAN. CHRISTOPHER

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